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EARTH TO MOON TRANSFERS
DIRECT VS VIA LIBRATION POINTS (L1, L2)

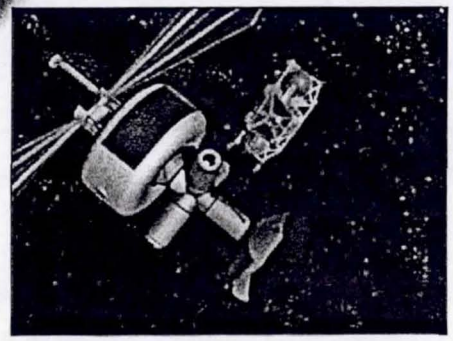
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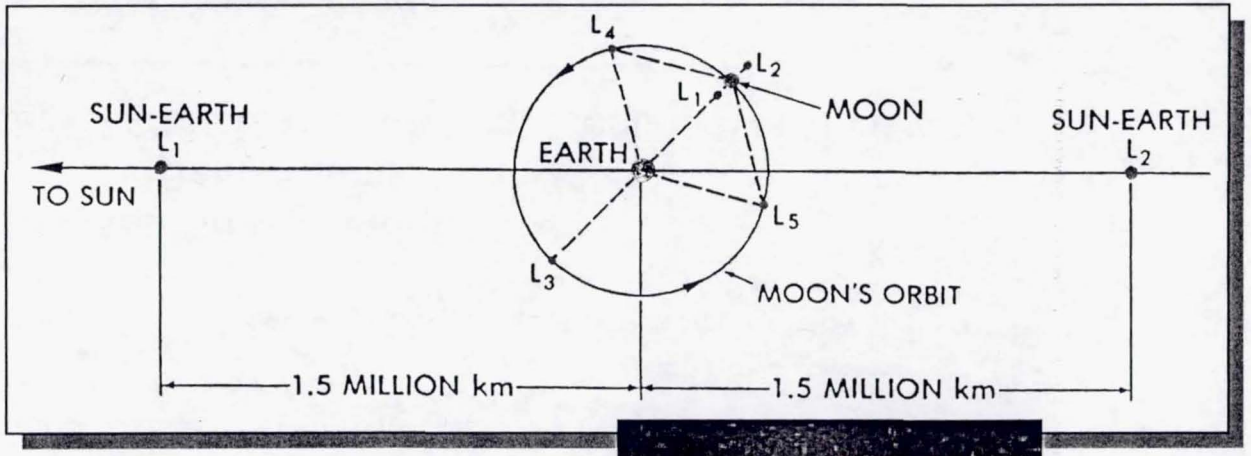
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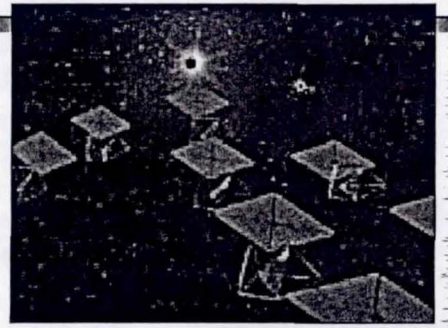
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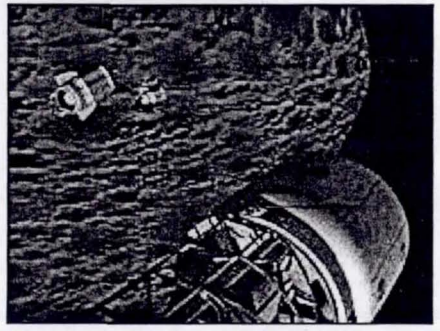
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- Earth-Moon L1
 - **Gateway station**
 - Sorties to the Moon
 - Satellite deploy, servicing
 - Next Generation Space Telescope
 - Terrestrial Planet Finder
 - Staging area for interplanetary and asteroid missions





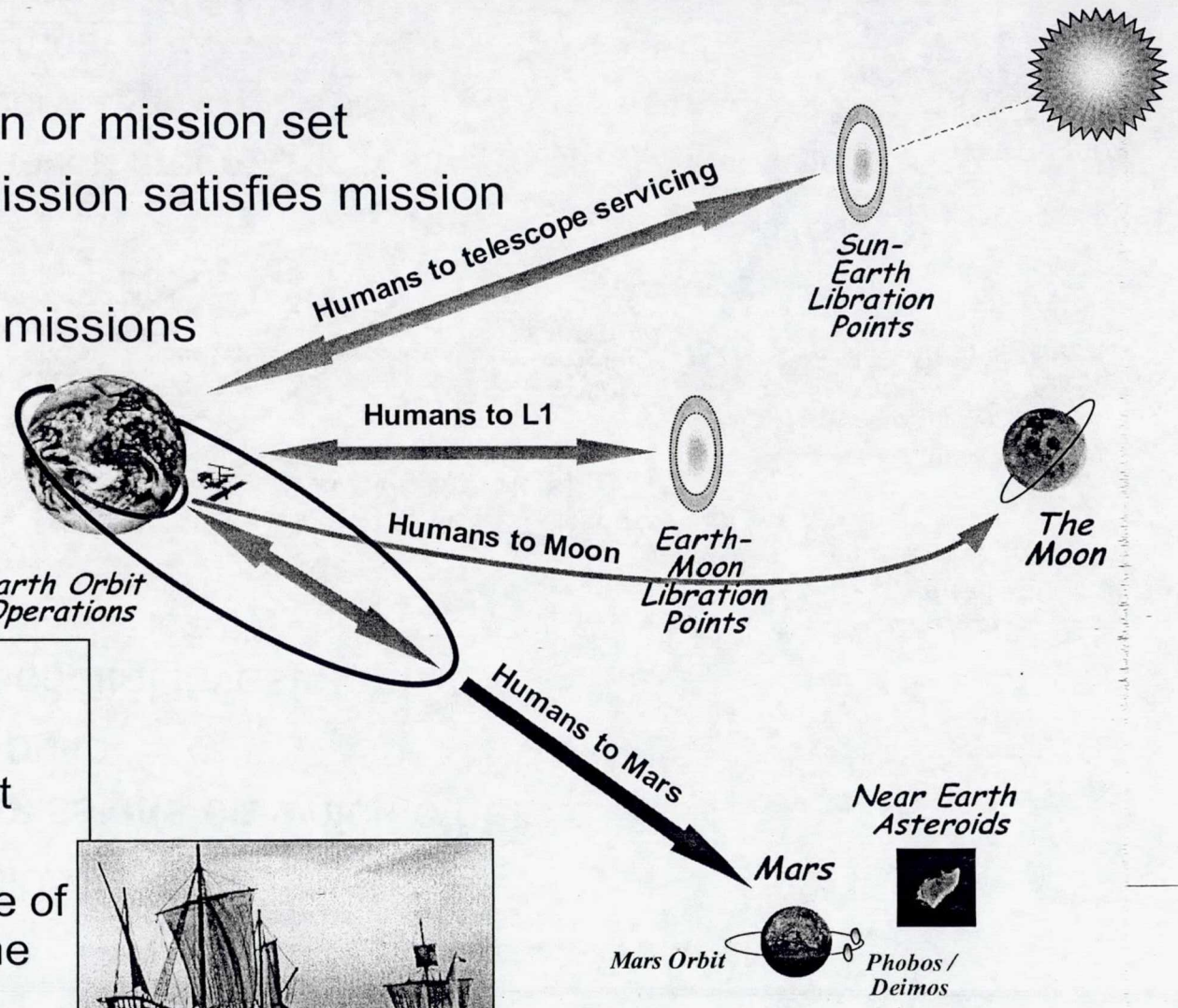
- Earth-Moon L2
 - Robotic relay satellites
 - Communications relay
 - Navigation aid
- Sun-Earth L2
 - Human missions to extend human presence in space

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Expeditionary vs. Evolutionary

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- Single mission or mission set
- Completed mission satisfies mission objectives
- Close-ended missions



Apollo
Skylab
Apollo-Soyuz Test Project
Columbus' voyage of discovery to the new world

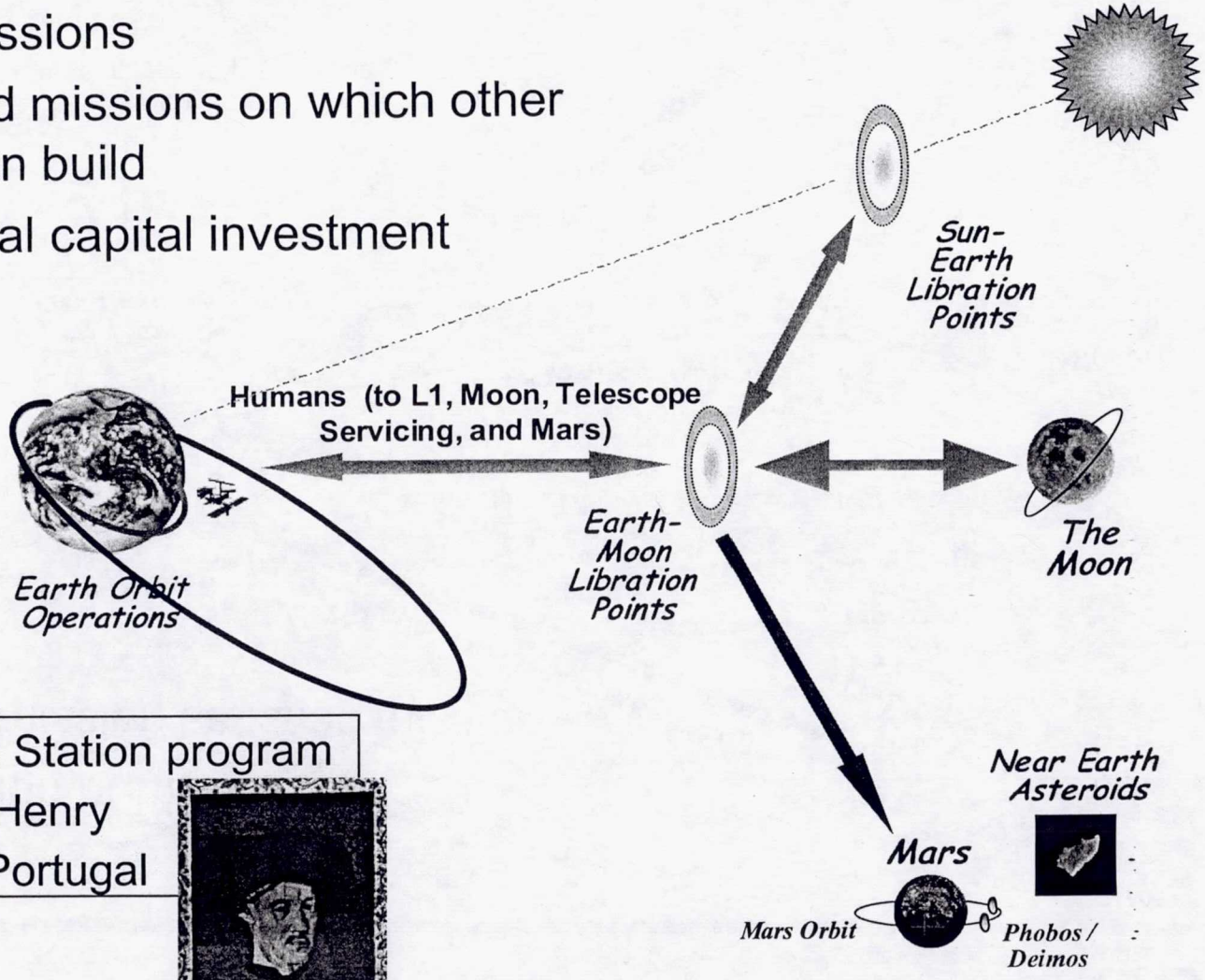


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- Ongoing missions
- Open-ended missions on which other missions can build
- Greater initial capital investment

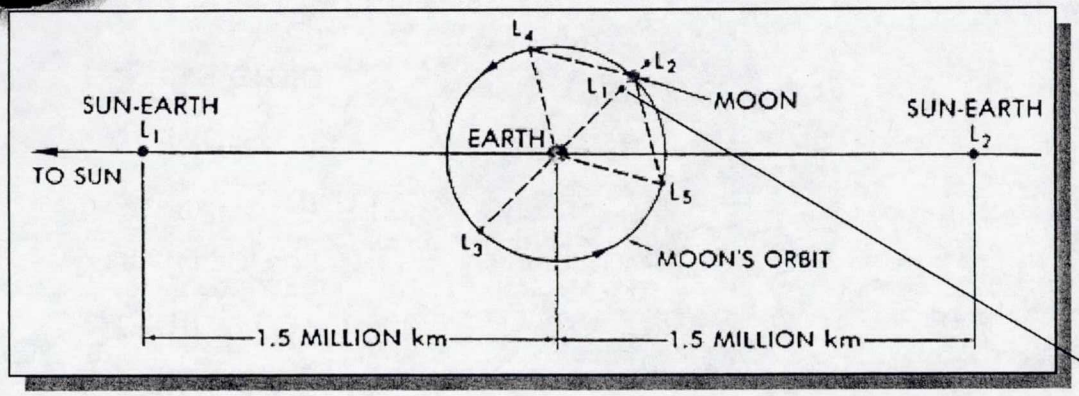


International Space Station program
Voyages of Prince Henry the Navigator of Portugal

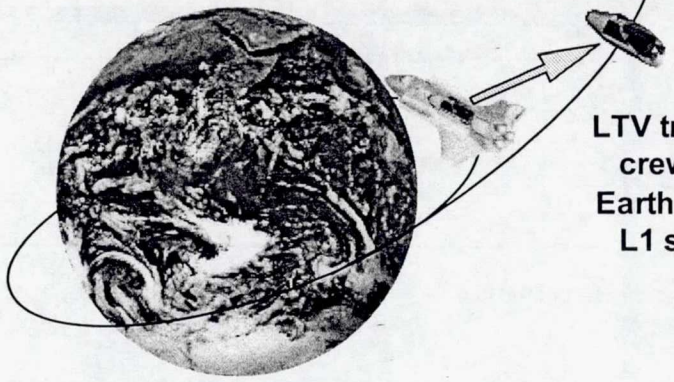
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Earth-Moon L1 – Gateway for Lunar Surface Operations

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- Celestial park-n-ride
- Close to home (3-4 days)
- Staging to:
 - Moon



Earth

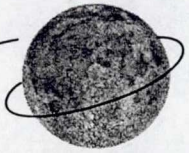
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Libration Point Transfer Vehicle (LTV)

L1 Gateway Station

Lunar Lander transfers crew from L1 station to lunar surface

Lunar Lander

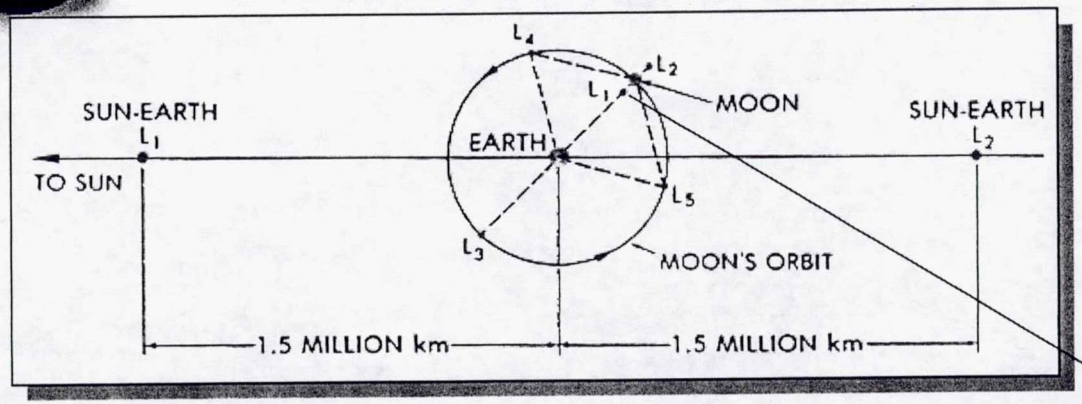


Moon

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 - Sun-Earth L2
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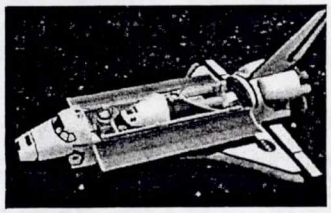
Sun-Earth L2

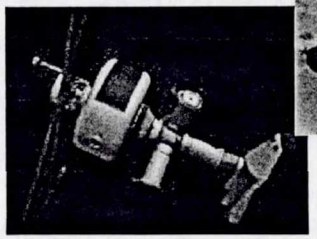
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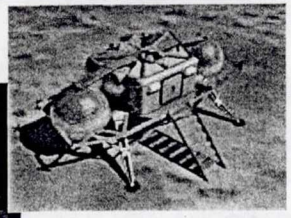
Lunar Mission: Libration Point vs. LOR

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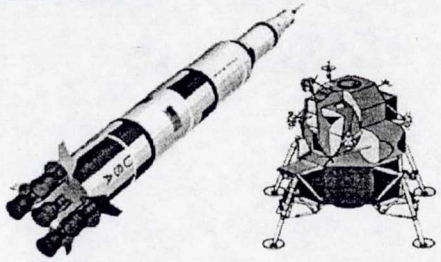
Mission Scenario Advantages

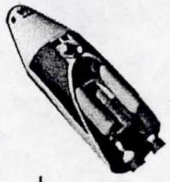












Earth-Moon L1

- No lunar departure injection window
- Global lunar access
- Reusability
- Protection from failed station-keeping
- Specialized vehicle design

Lunar Orbit Rendezvous (LOR)

- Shorter mission duration
- Lower overall ΔV cost
- Fewer critical maneuvers required

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Apollo-Style Mission Characteristics – Nominal Profile

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- Start with modified Apollo-style sortie mission having lunar surface stay time ≤ 5 days, expendable LM, and lunar orbit rendezvous after ascent from the surface.
 - Short stay in low-altitude earth parking orbit after launch from Cape Canaveral
 - Nominal 4-day transit time between earth and moon (outbound & inbound)
 - No free return, but
 - Nonstop abort capability with LOI or LM descent stage
 - ***Low-latitude*** lunar landing site
 - Park CSM in 100 km lunar orbit
 - Return to directly to earth surface after rendezvous with CSM

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Require Polar Landing Site

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- Require surface stay time ≥ 14 days at a ***polar*** site; anytime abort to CSM
 - Necessitates polar orbit at moon
 - Establishes 14-day interval between minimum-ΔV ***TEI*** opportunities
 - Necessitates extra CSM consumables for 14-day pre-TEI loiter in lunar orbit, or
 - Necessitates extra ΔV for ***TEI*** plane change for 90° worst case
 - ΔV cost = 1167 m/s for 3-impulse departure
 - ΔV cost = 2223 m/s for 1-impulse departure

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Require Global Lunar Surface Access

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- Require access to ***any*** site on lunar surface
 - Takes away anytime-return to CSM, or
 - Necessitates extra ΔV for ascent plane change ($\cong$ 2565 m/s for 90° worst case)

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Require Reuse of LM and Descent Propulsion Stage

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- Require re-use of LM and its descent/ascent propulsion stage
 - Necessitates a higher parking orbit altitude and/or extra ΔV for long-term LM orbit maintenance
 - Necessitates an additional lunar orbit rendezvous between CSM and LM ***before*** DOI (except for the very first flight, which establishes the LM orbit).
 - Establishes 14-day interval between minimum-ΔV ***LOI*** opportunities after the first flight

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Observation re: Added Constraints to Direct Mission vs. L1-Based Mission

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- Observe that, after adding all the new constraints:
 - the round-trip ΔV and time requirements for rendezvous at L1 are comparable (maybe lower) than what is needed for rendezvous in lunar orbit, and
 - with rendezvous at L1, these requirements are essentially independent of the coordinates of the landing site

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Require Earth Departure from ISS Orbit

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- Require earth departure from ISS orbit
 - Limits minimum-ΔV TLI opportunities to about 3 per month
 - Combined with the 14-day interval between minimum-ΔV LOI opportunities described previously, this
 - Necessitates extra CSM consumables for 14-day loiter in lunar orbit between LOI and DOI, or
 - Necessitates extra ΔV for ***LOI*** plane change for 90° worst case
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Observation re: Direct vs. L1-Based Lunar Mission Profiles

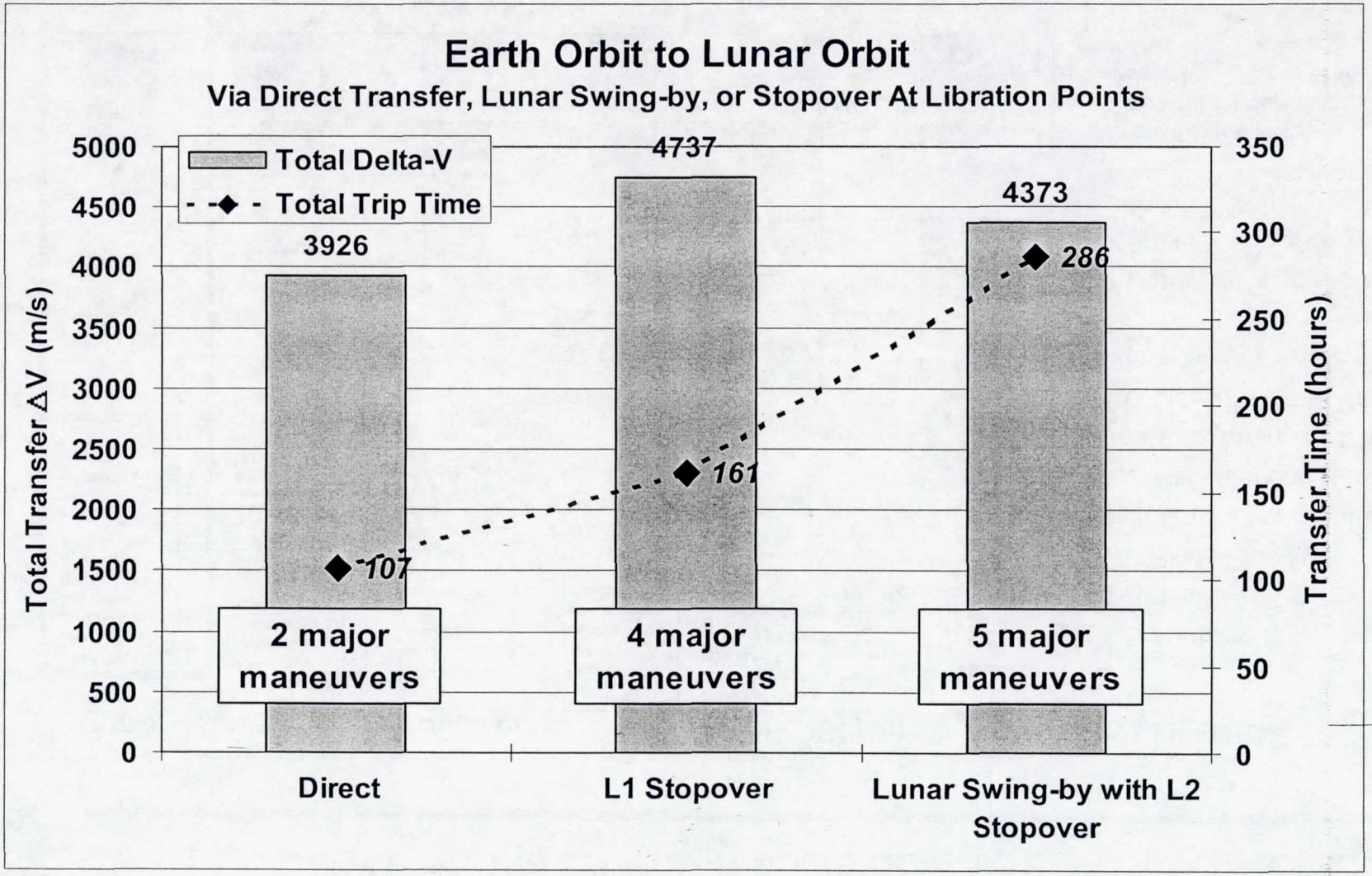
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- Observe that the time and ΔV requirements for a round trip utilizing L1 rendezvous vary only slightly within any month. This is in stark contrast to the requirements for lunar orbit rendezvous with a reusable LM, and it makes a big difference in the stability of operational schedules for such missions if they are to be launched from an ISS orbit.

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Earth Orbit to Lunar Orbit

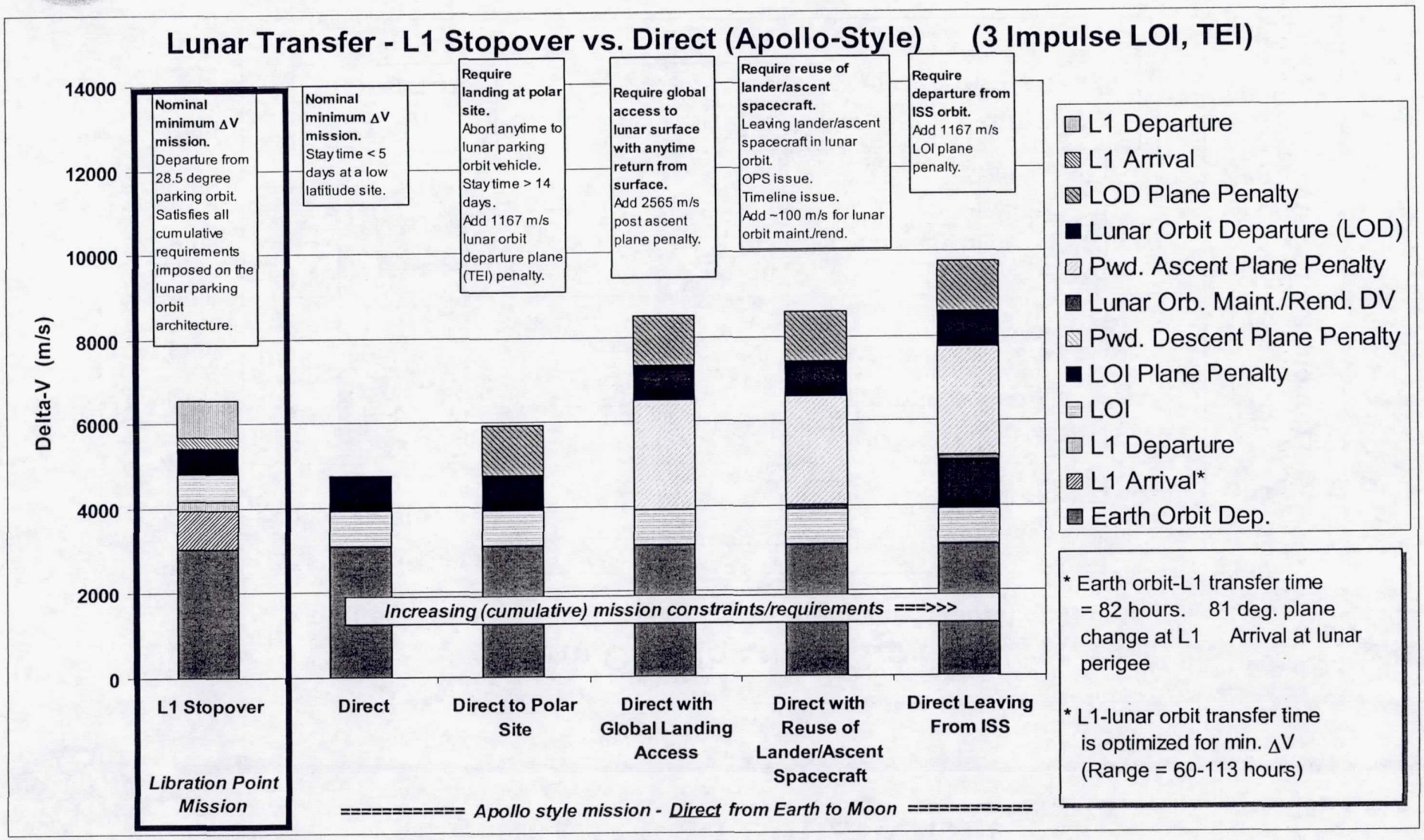
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Earth Orbit to Lunar Orbit (28.5 deg. Inclination)
Direct vs. Via L1 (3-Impulse LOI, TEI)

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Direct Lunar Transfer vs. Lunar Transfer via L1 Stopover

Assumptions

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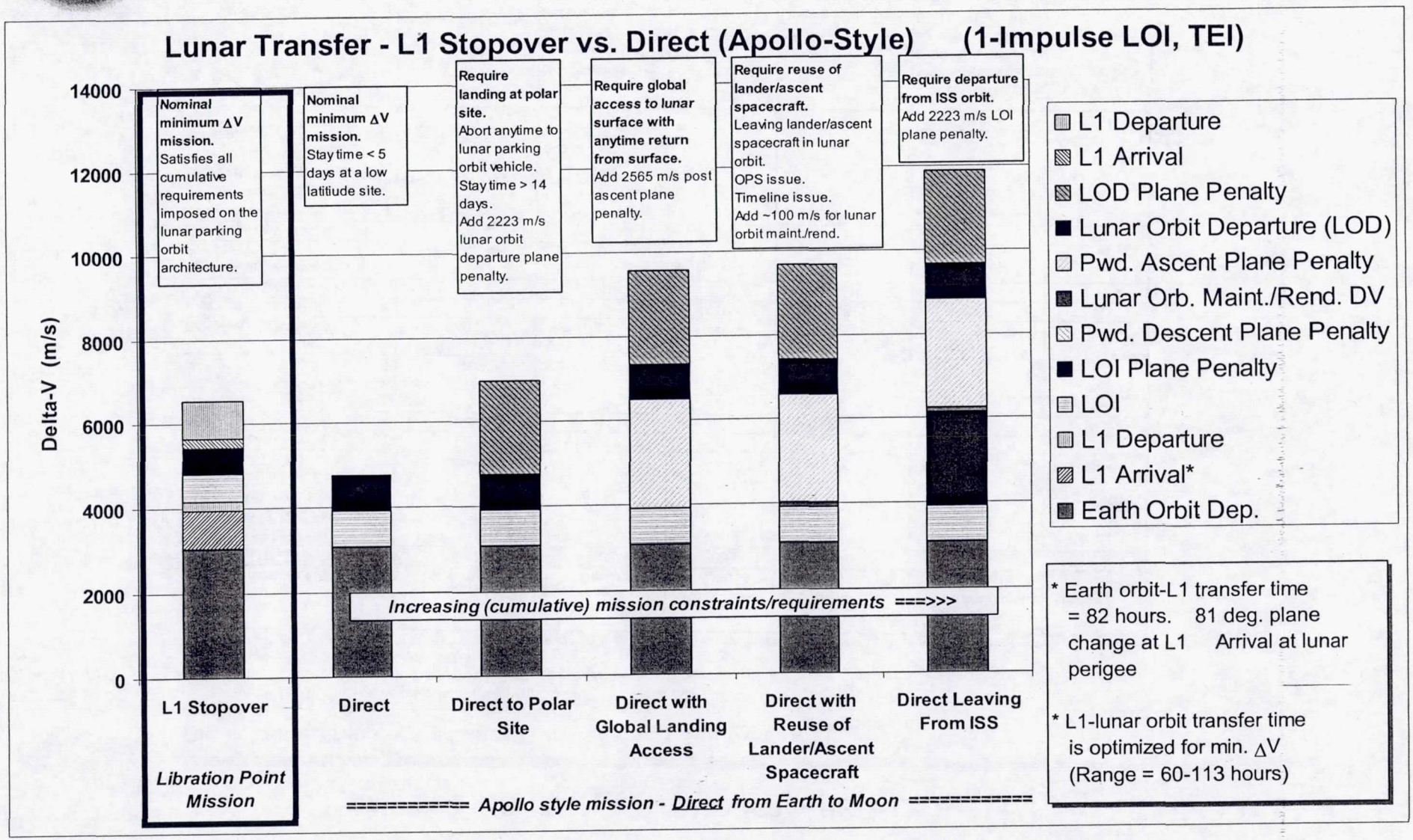
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L1 Arrival, 82 hour xfer, 57.1 deg pln. chng. (28.5 deg due east inclination plus 28.6 max lunar inclination wrt Earth equator)	890	0	0	0	0	0
L1 Departure	228	0	0	0	0	0
LOI	635	841	841	841	841	841
LOI Plane Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	**1167**
Powered Descent Plane Penalty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lunar orbit maintenance/ Rendezvous DV penalty	0	0	0	0	**100**	**100**
Powered Ascent Plane Penalty	0	0	0	**2565**	**2565**	**2565**
Lunar Orbit Departure	635	841	841	841	841	841
Lunar Orbit Departure Plane Penalty	0	0	**1167**	**1167**	**1167**	**1167**
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Total	**6560**	**4768**	**5935**	**8500**	**8600**	**9767**
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Direct Lunar Transfer vs. Lunar Transfer via L1 Stopover

Assumptions

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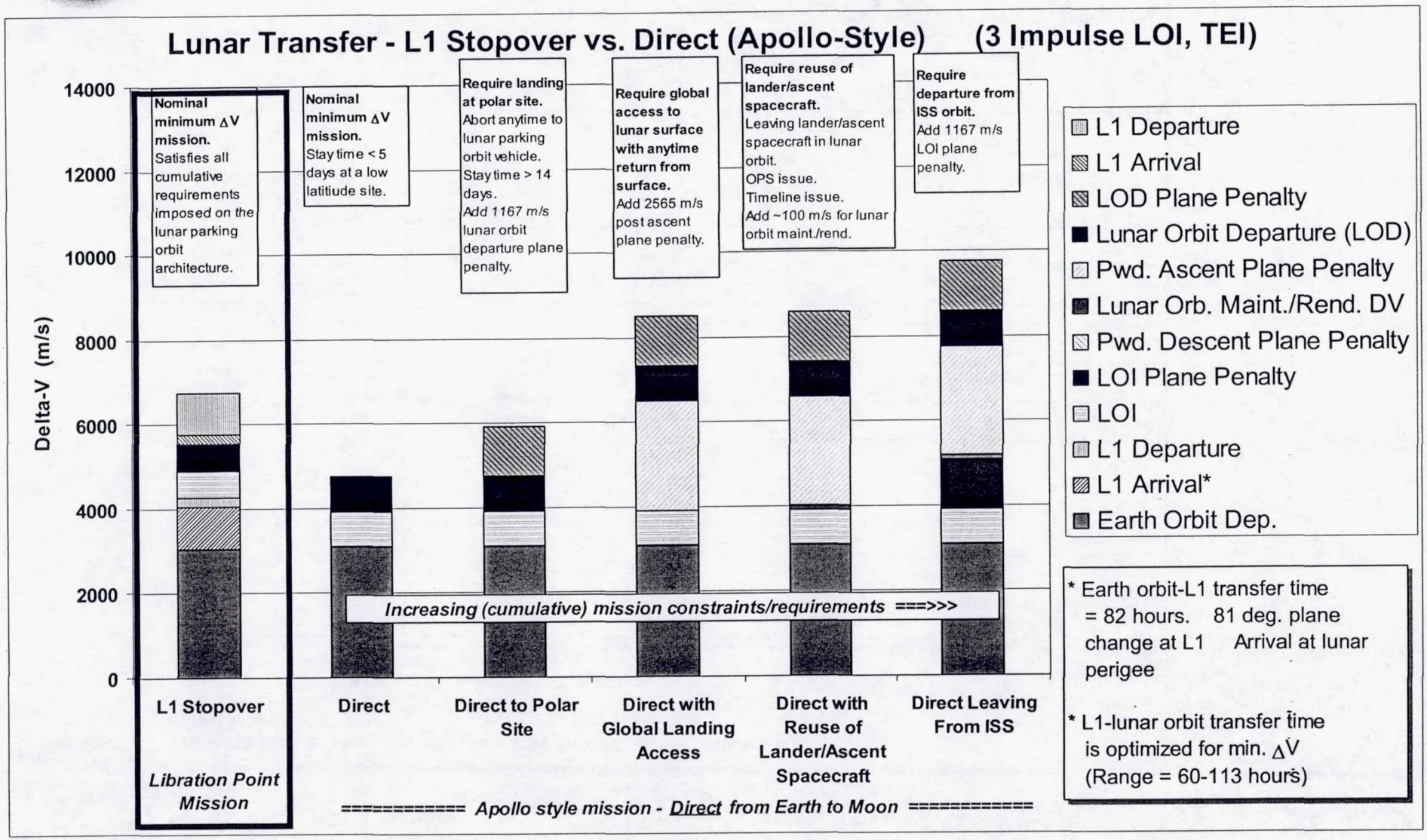
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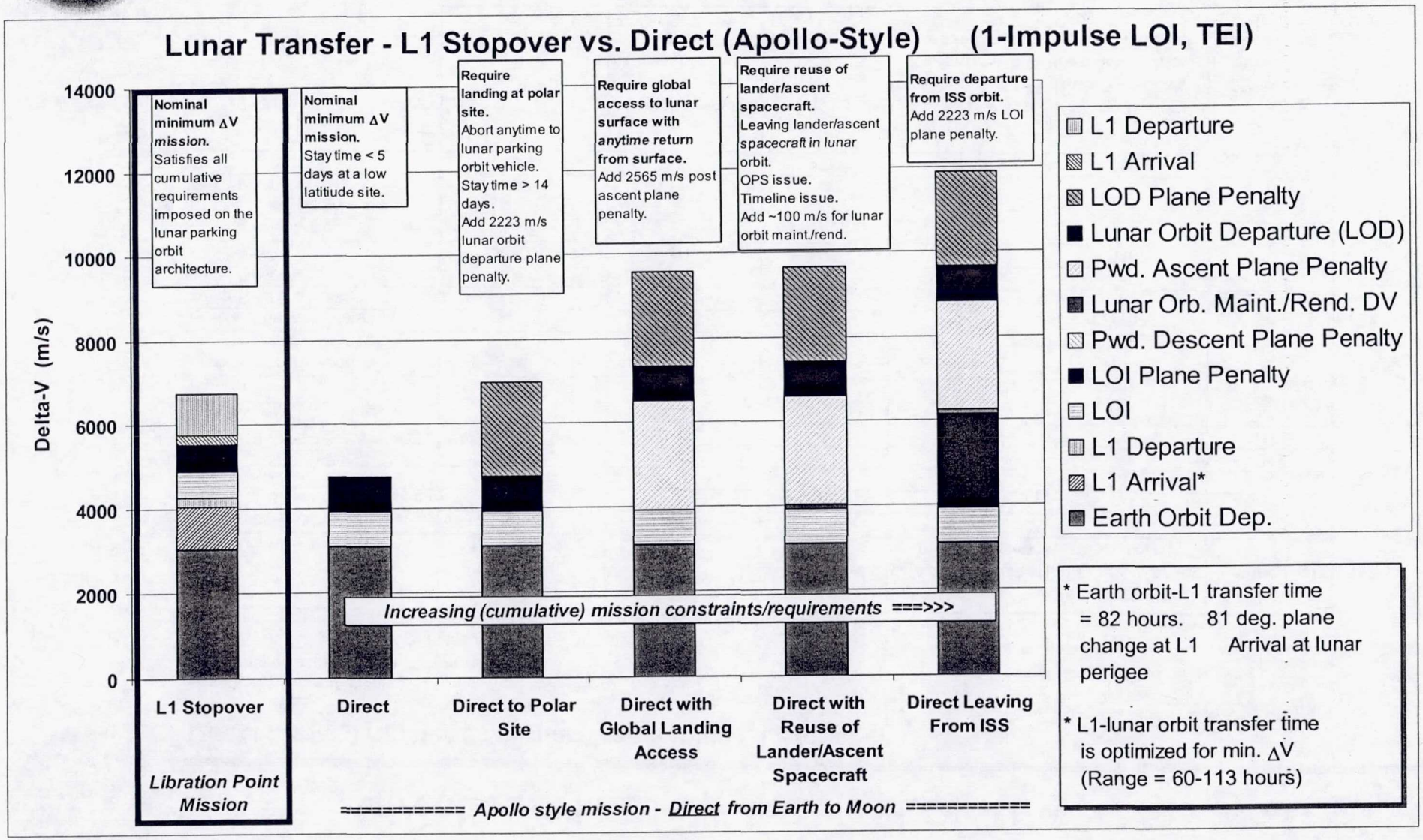
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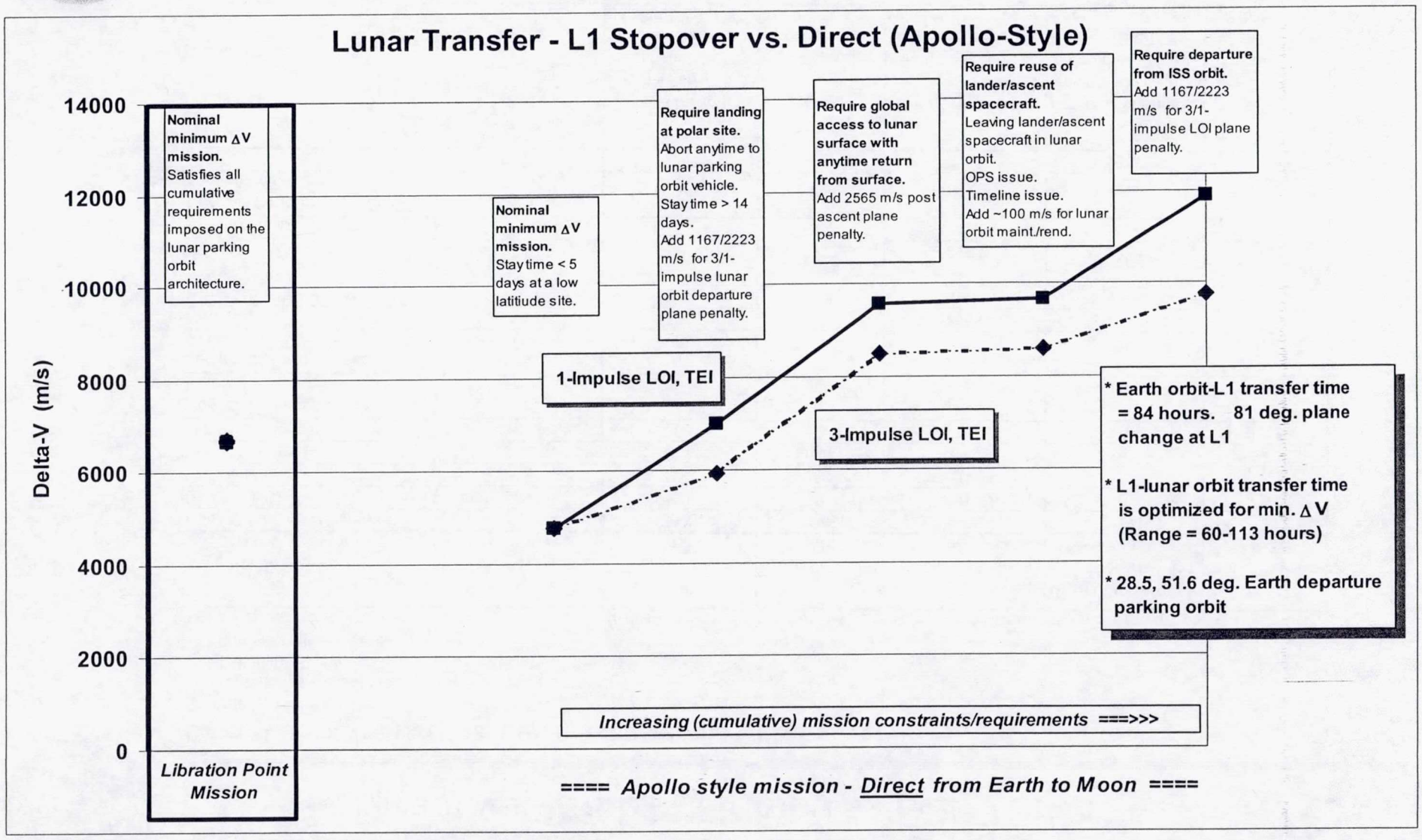
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	Earth orbit to lunar orbit via L1, 81 deg. Pln chg to L1	Earth orbit direct to **90 deg.** lunar orbit (100 km); Min DV, 1/1/09	Earth orbit direct to **90 deg.** lunar orbit (100 km); Min DV, 1/1/09	Earth orbit direct to **90 deg.** lunar orbit (100 km); Min DV, 1/1/09	Earth orbit direct to **90 deg.** lunar orbit (100 km); Min DV, 1/1/09	Earth orbit direct to **90 deg.** lunar orbit (100 km); Min DV, 1/1/09

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Total Mission ΔV
L1 Stopover vs. Direct (Apollo Style)
1-Impulse, 3-Impulse LOI, TEI

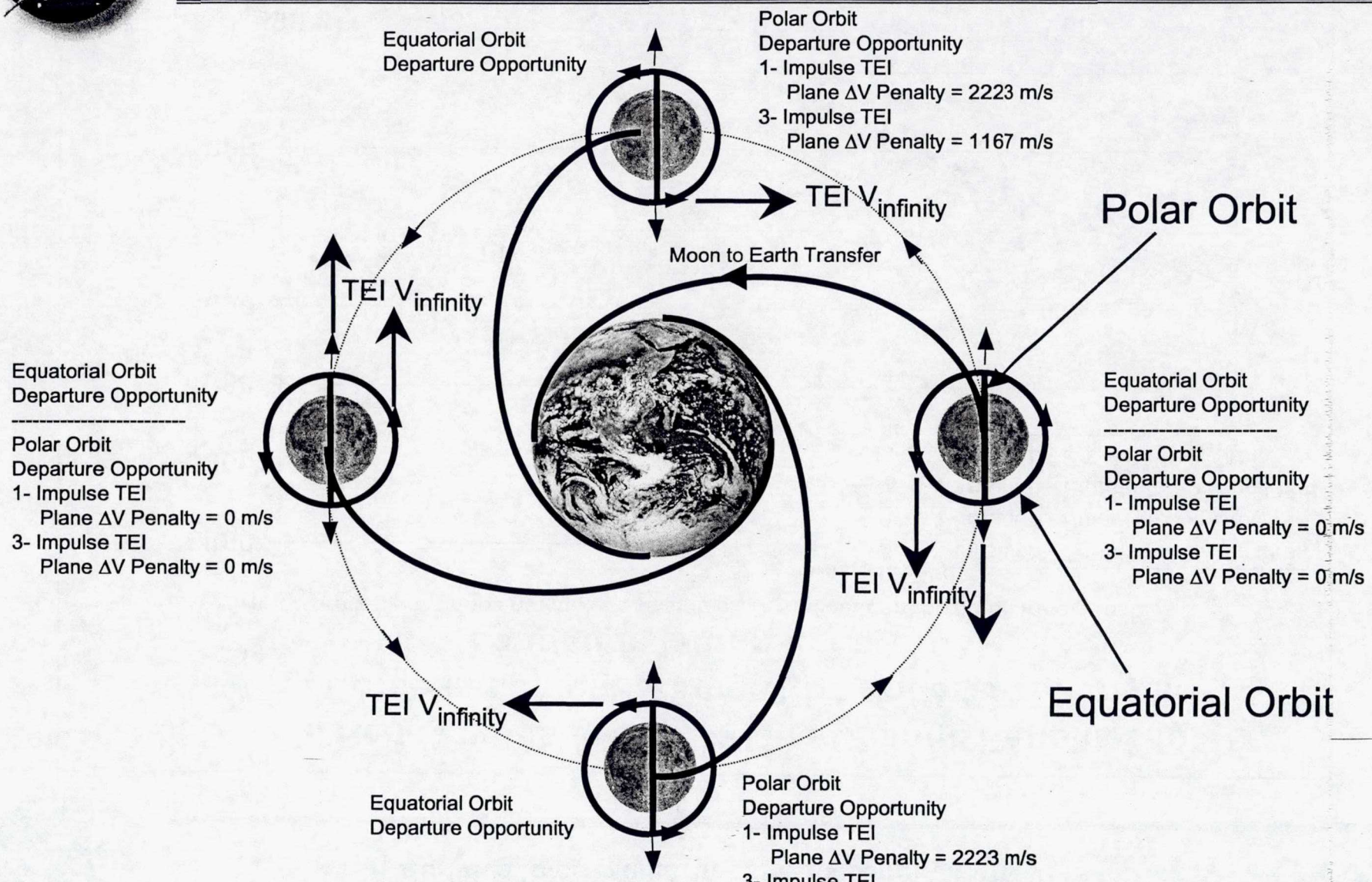
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Effect of Lunar Parking Orbit Inclination on Lunar Transfer Opportunities –> Moon to Earth Transfer

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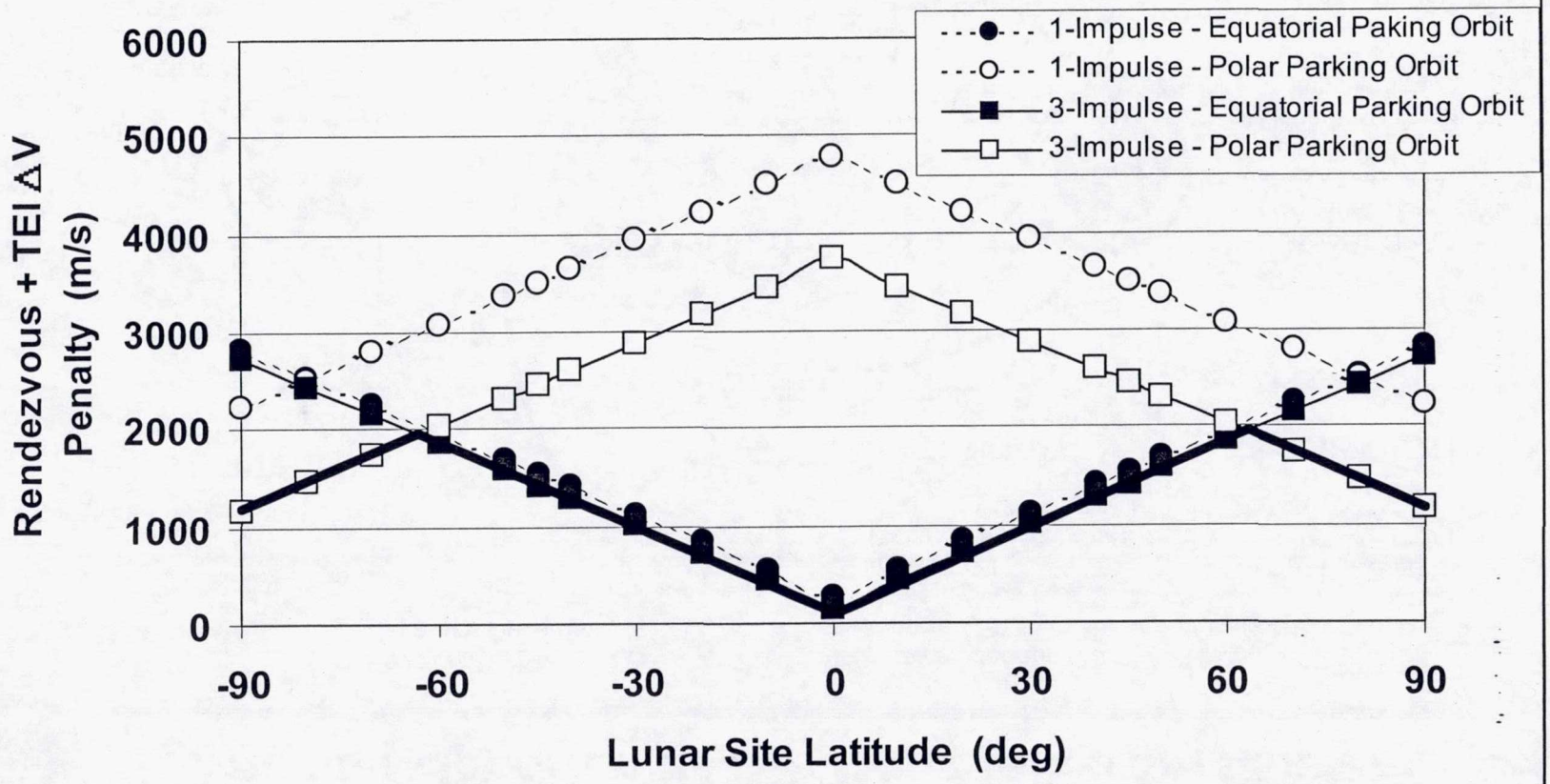
Plane Change ΔV Penalties For Returning From Lunar Site

Additive to co-planar transfer ΔV requirement

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Sum of Rendezvous and TEI Plane Change Penalties for Worst Combination of Parking Orbit Node Location and Longitude (Moon to Earth)

*For return leg only, does not include possible LOI and descent plane change penalties



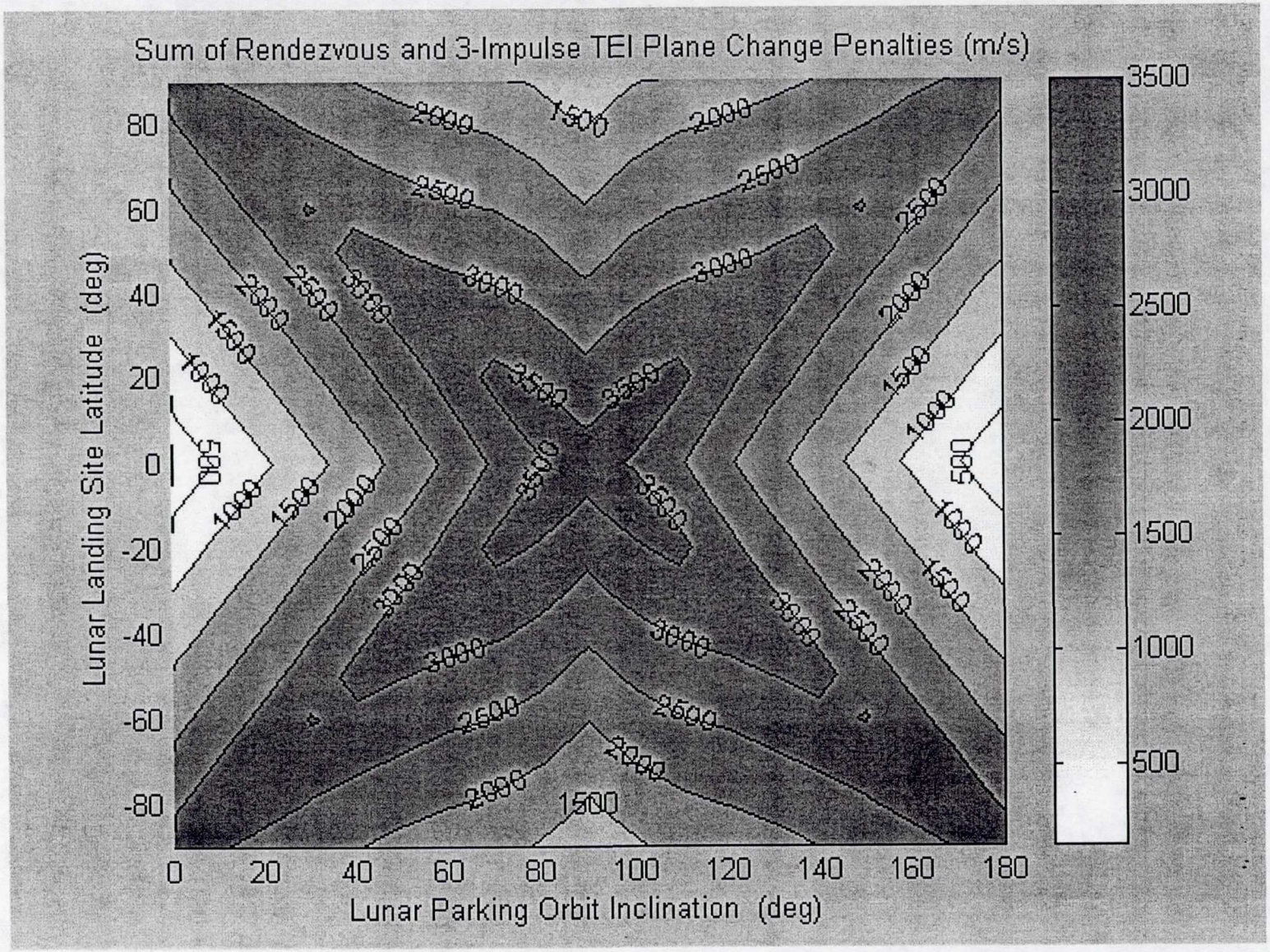
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Sum of Rendezvous and 3-Impulse TEI Plane Change Penalties (m/s)

for

Worst Combination of Parking Orbit Node Location and Site Longitude

Site Latitude (deg)	Parking Orbit Inclination (deg)																					
NaN	***0***	10	20	30	40	45	50	60	70	80	***90***	100	110	120	130	135	140	150	160	170	***180***	
90	2715	2532	2352	2178	2013	1936	1862	1734	1633	1452	1167	1452	1633	1734	1862	1936	2013	2178	2352	2532	2715	
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Notes:

1. Data apply to a circular parking orbit at 100 km altitude.
2. All maneuvers use fail-safe steering, which maintains osculating periapse altitude greater than or equal to 100 km throughout burn.
3. Three-impulse TEI does plane change near the 7000 km apoapse altitude of an intermediate orbit having a period of 9 hours and 35 minutes.

*** Three-impulse TEI does final burn at periapse of intermediate ellipse. When the relative declination is very large, the sum of velocity increments can be reduced (as much as 300 m/s at 90 degrees) by doing final burn before reaching periapse.

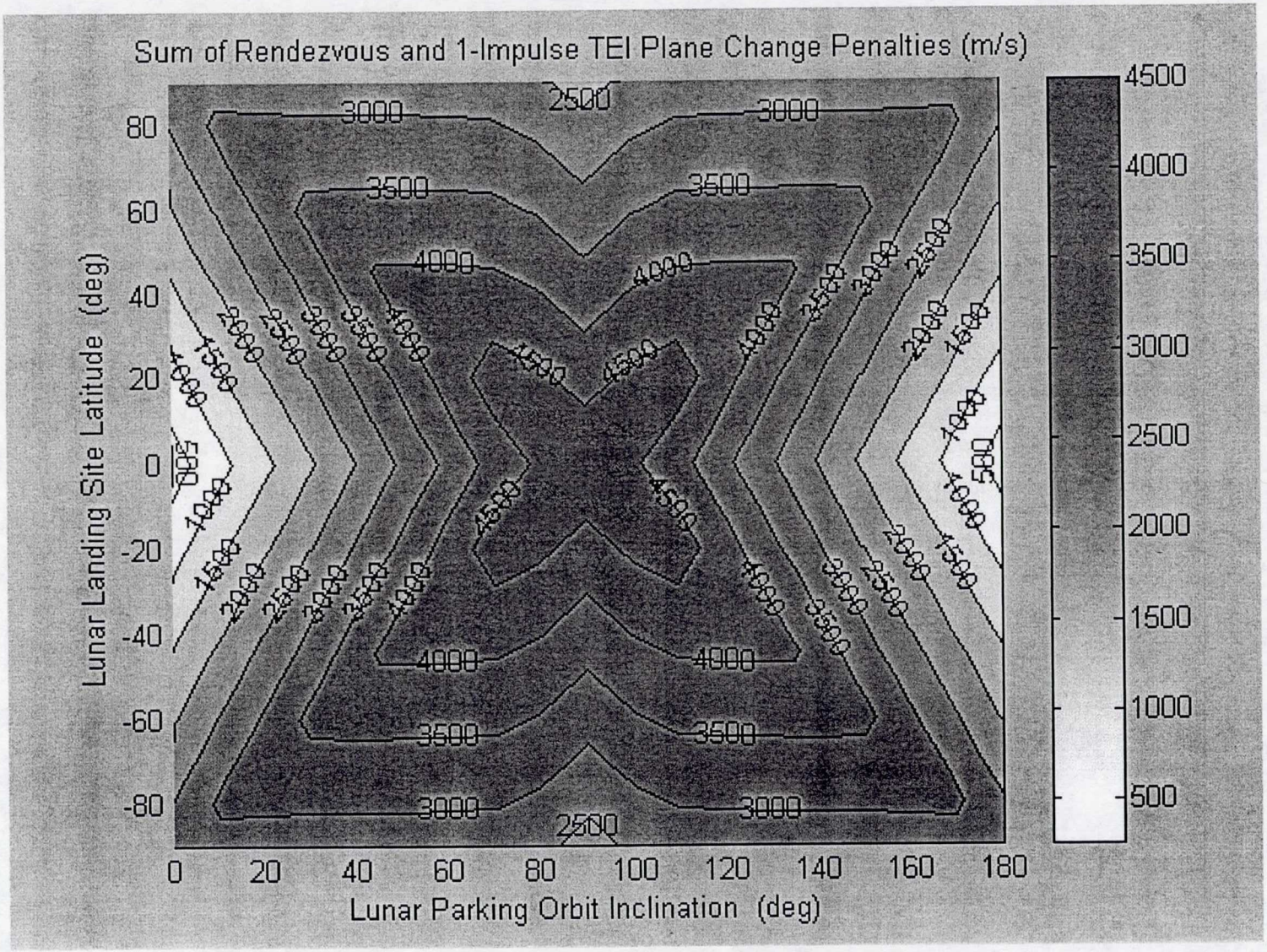
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Sum of Rendezvous and 1-Impulse TEI Plane Change Penalties (m/s)

for

Worst Combination of Parking Orbit Node Location and Site Longitude

Site Latitude (deg)	0	10	20	30	40	45	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	135	140	150	160	170	180
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Parking Orbit Inclination (deg)

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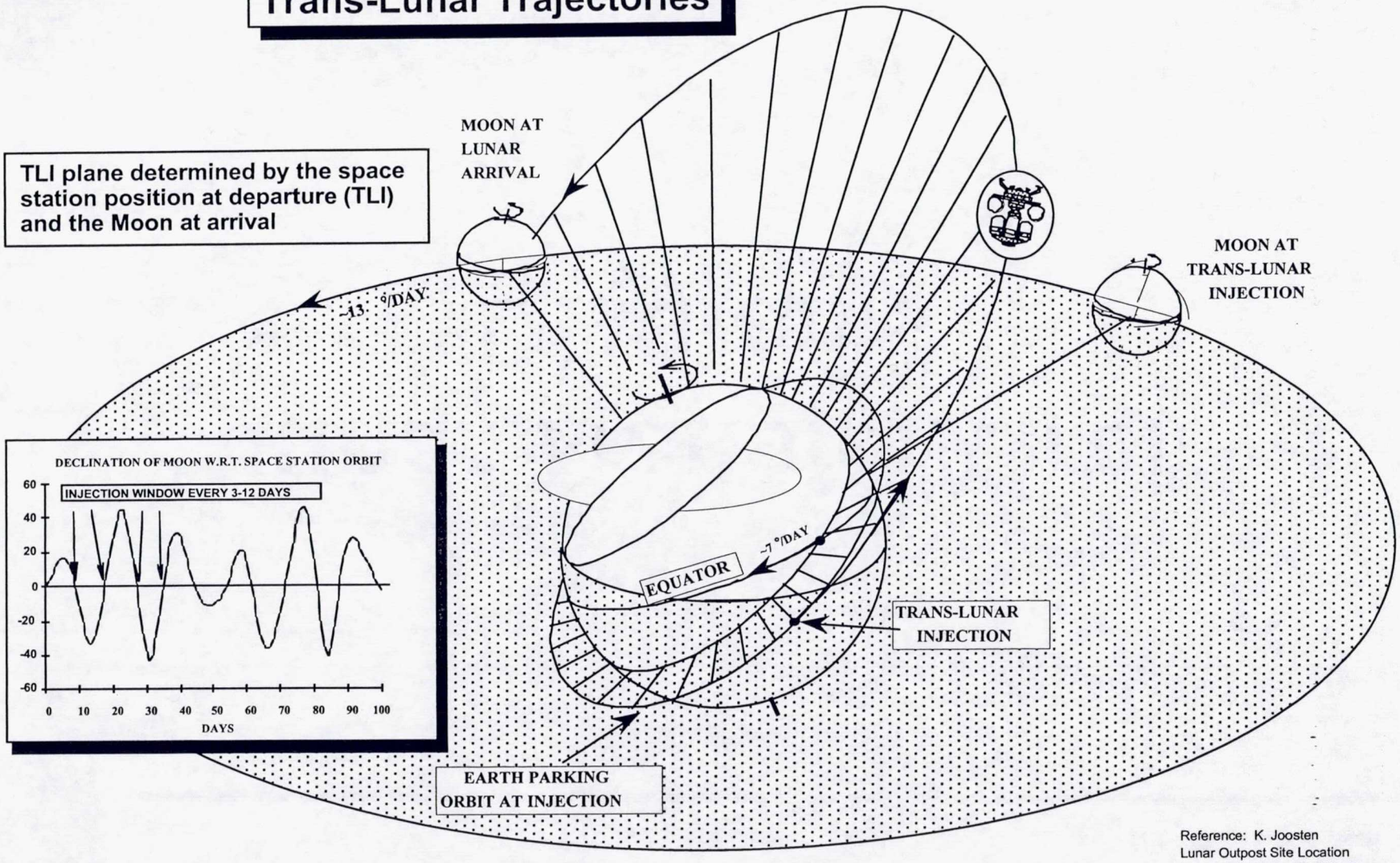
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Trans-Lunar Trajectories

TLI plane determined by the space station position at departure (TLI) and the Moon at arrival



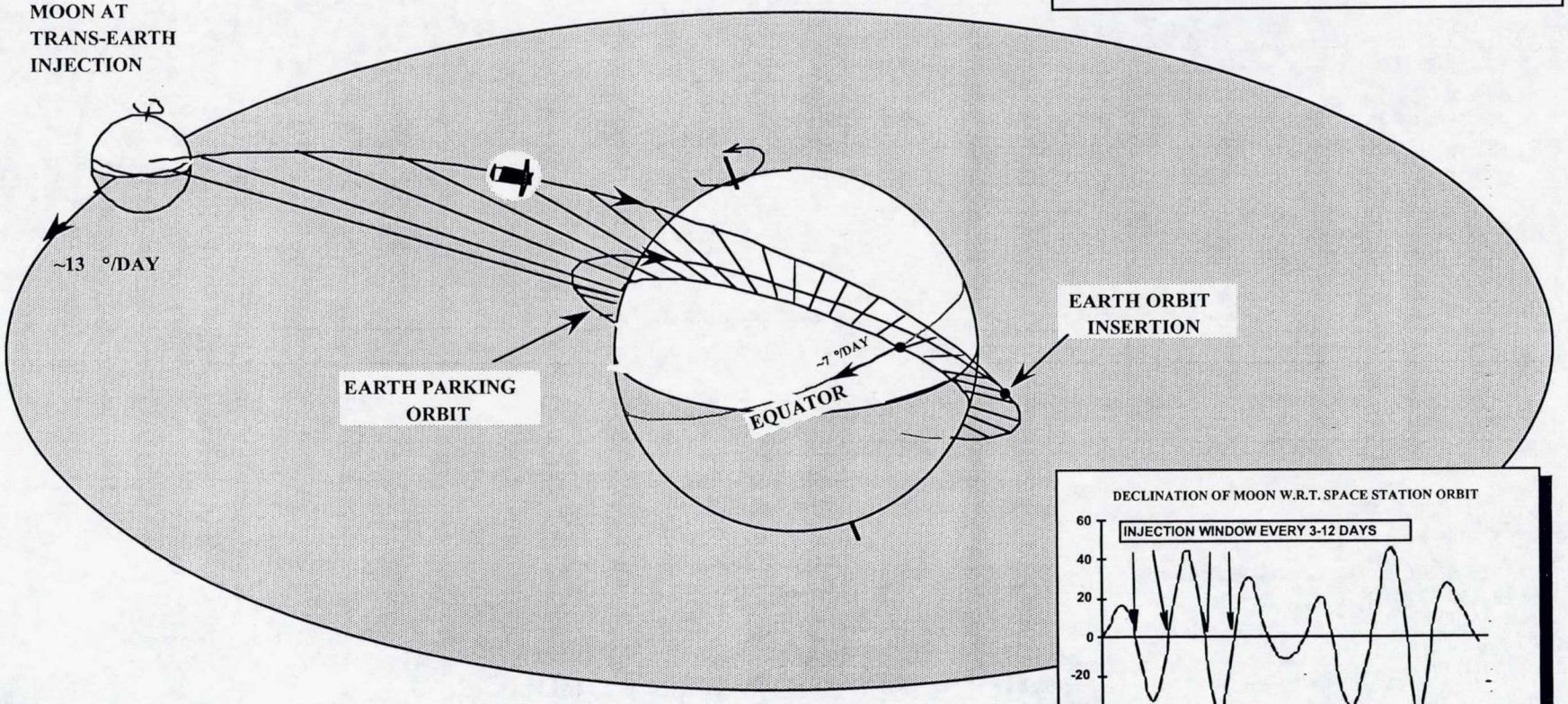
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Trans-Earth Trajectories

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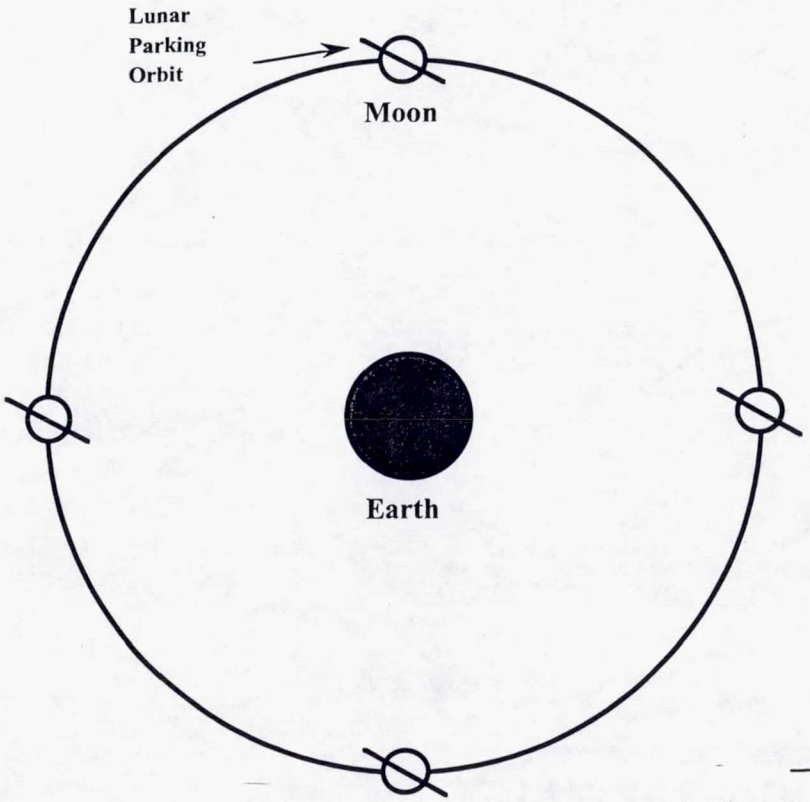


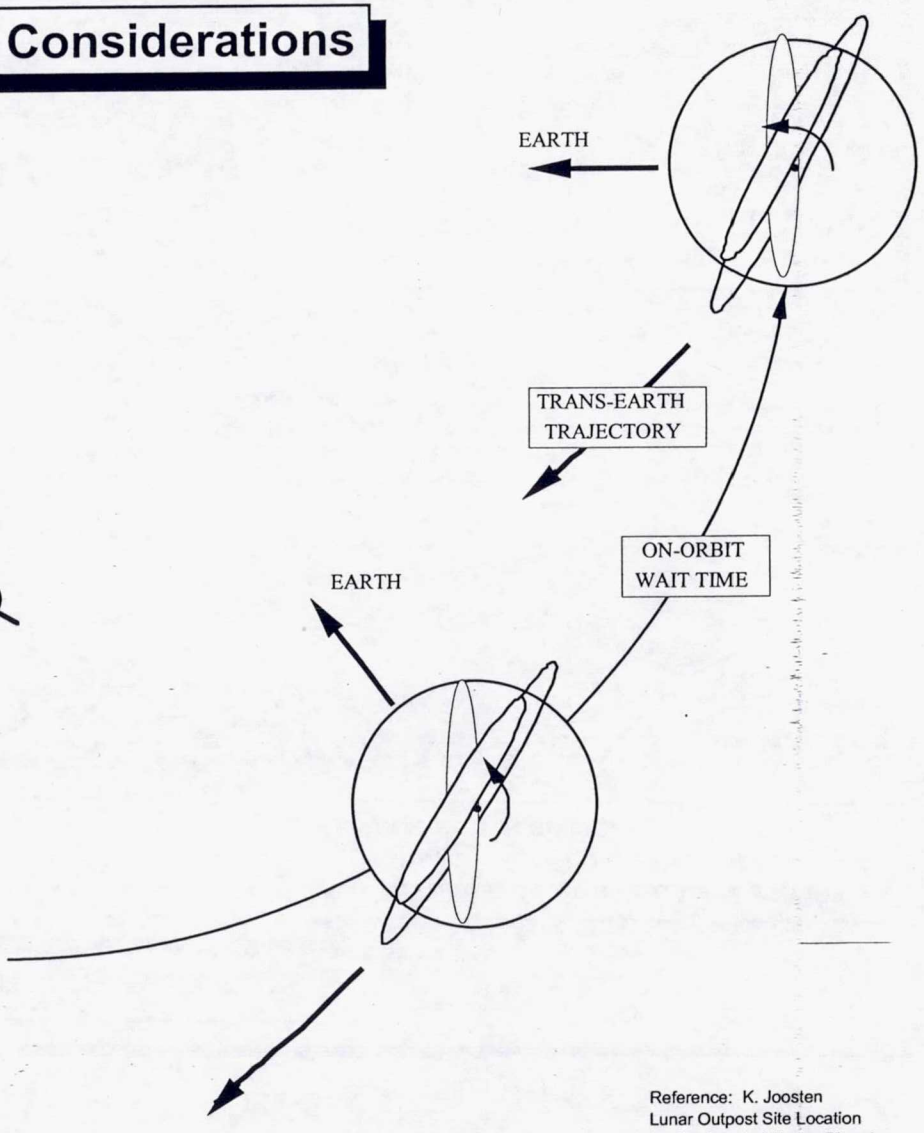
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Parking Orbit Considerations



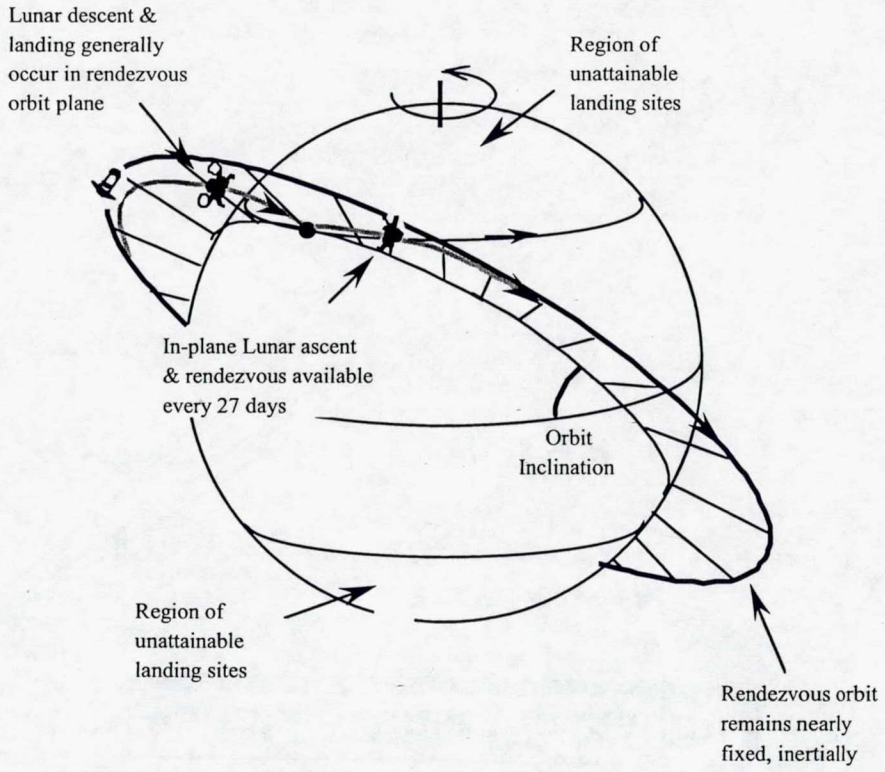


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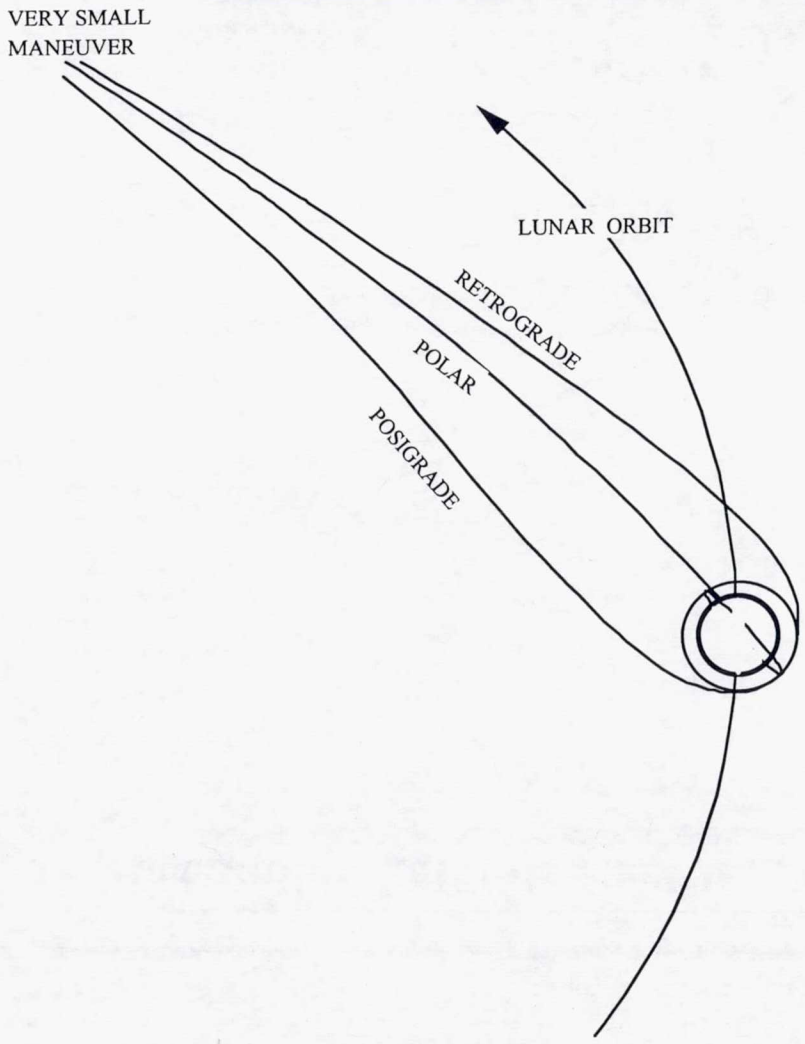
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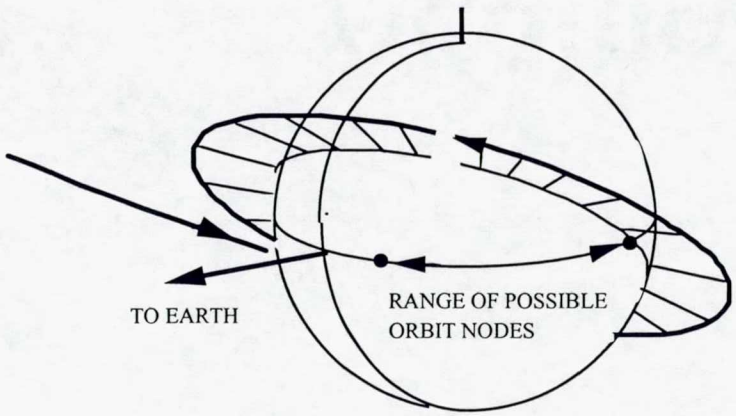
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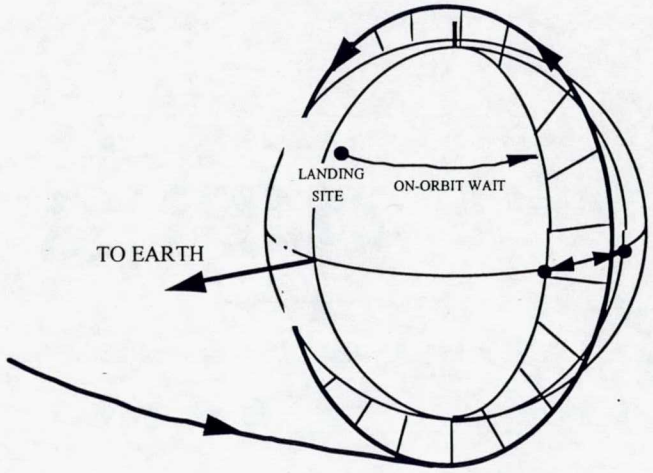


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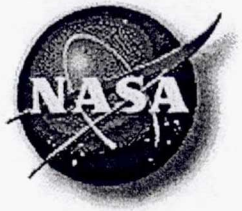
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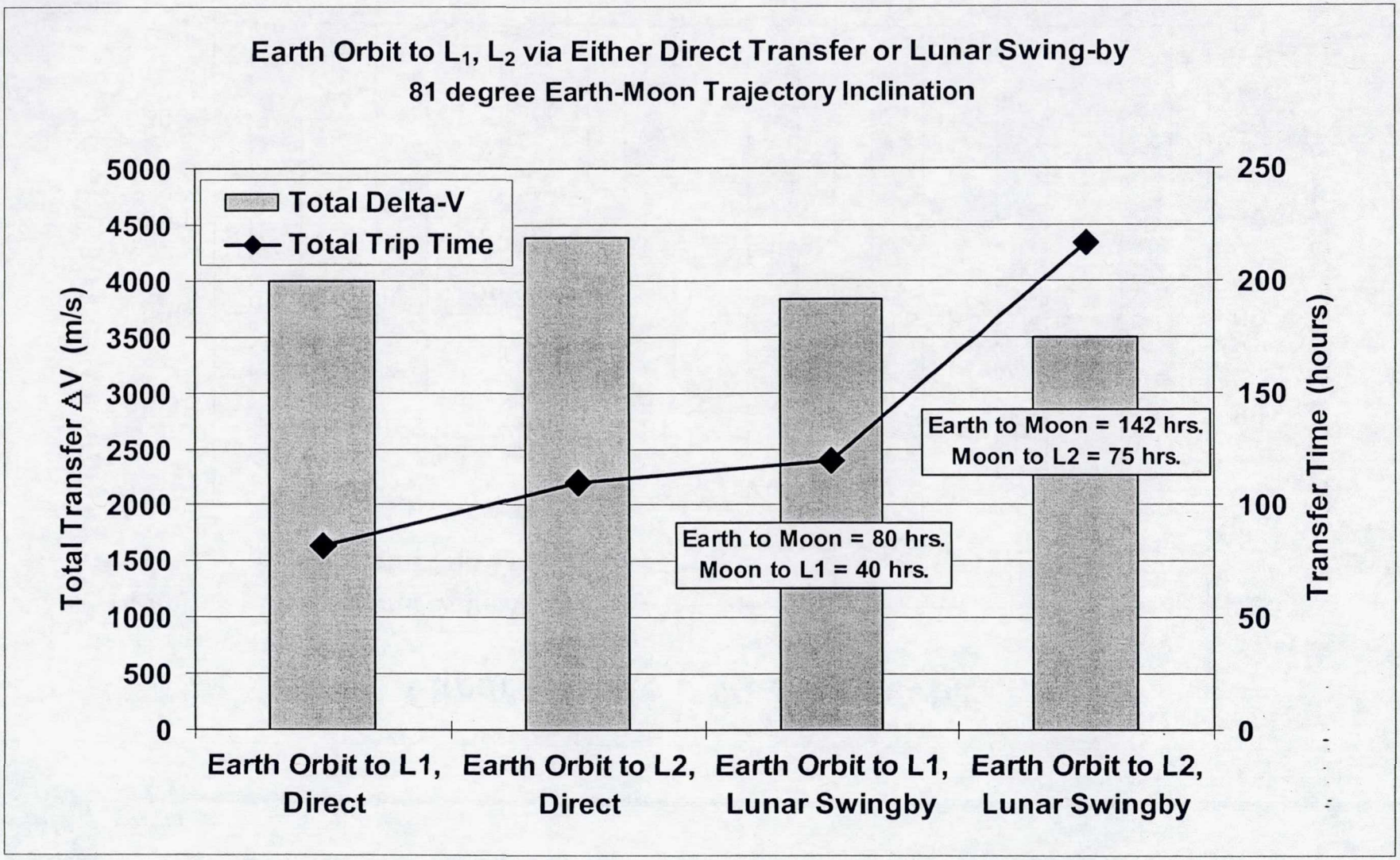


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Earth Orbit to Earth-Moon L1, L2

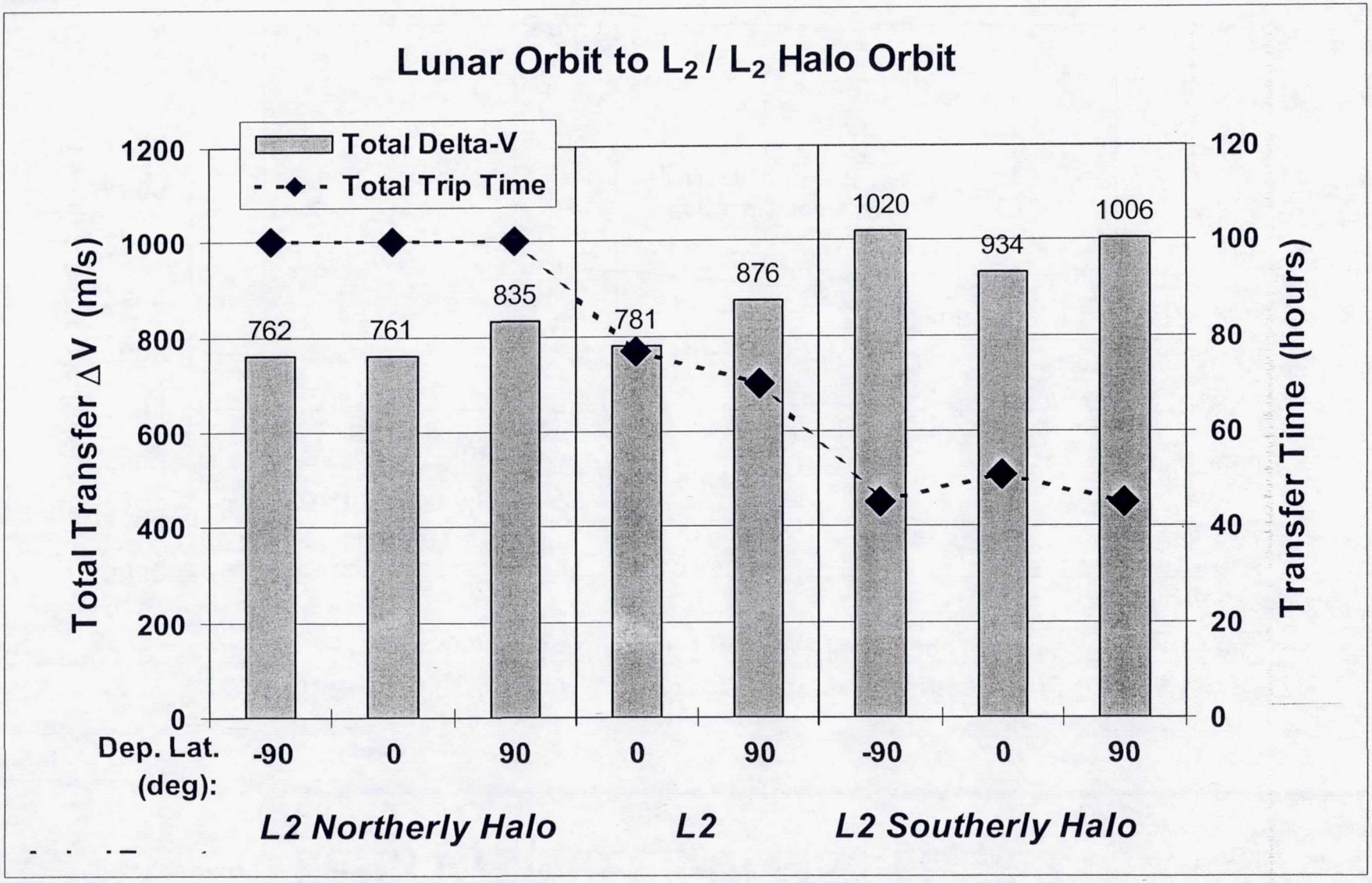
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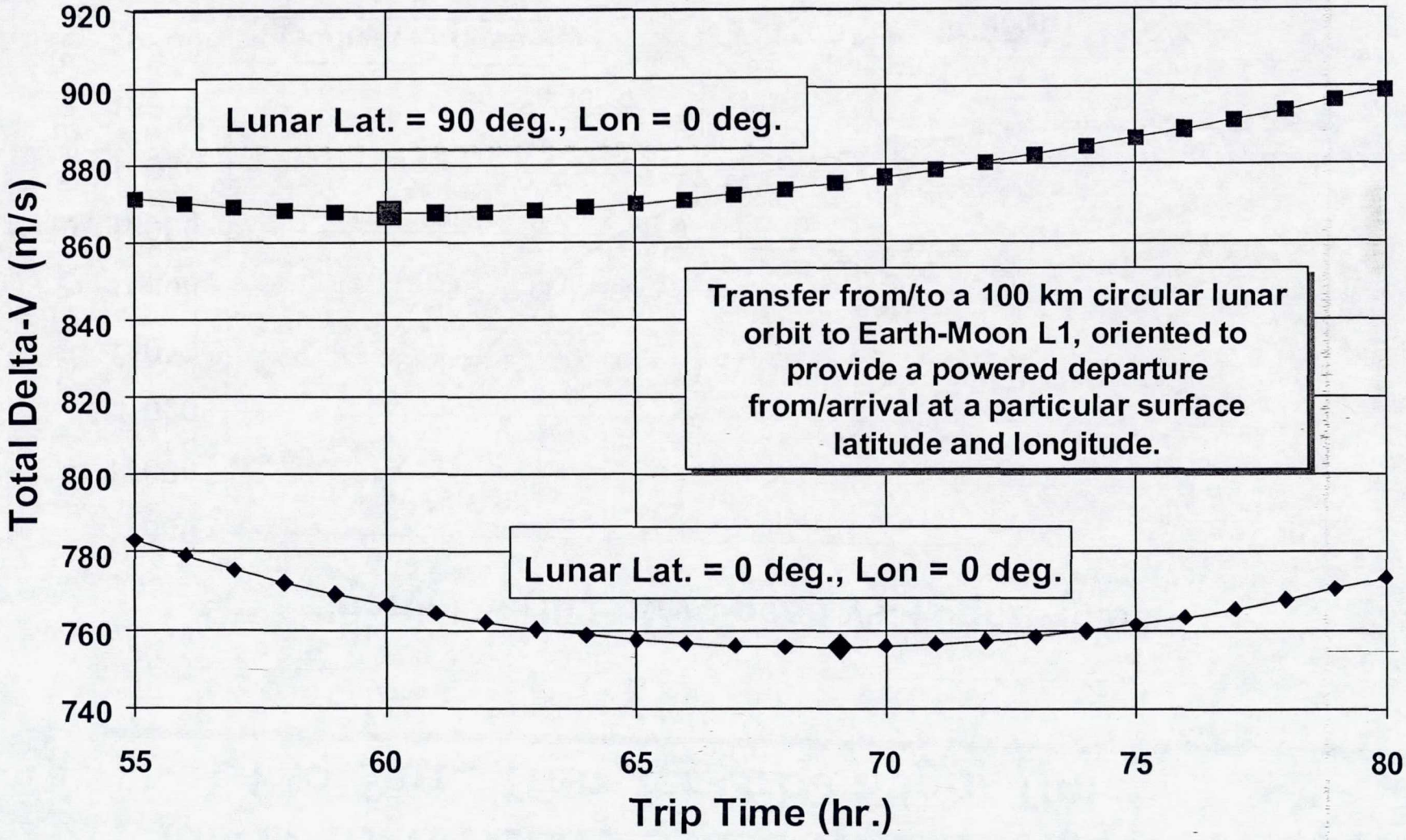
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Total ΔV vs. Trip Time

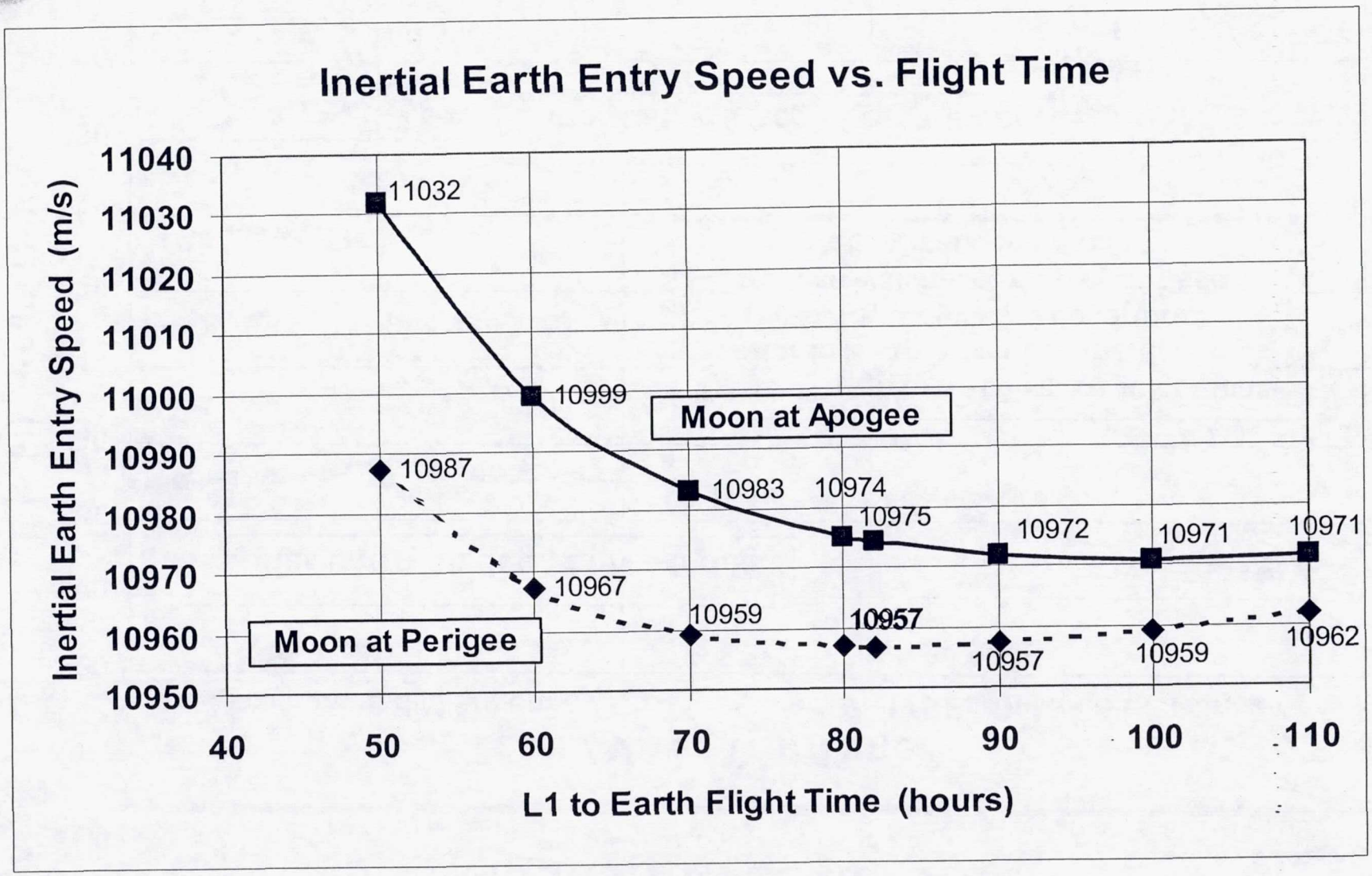
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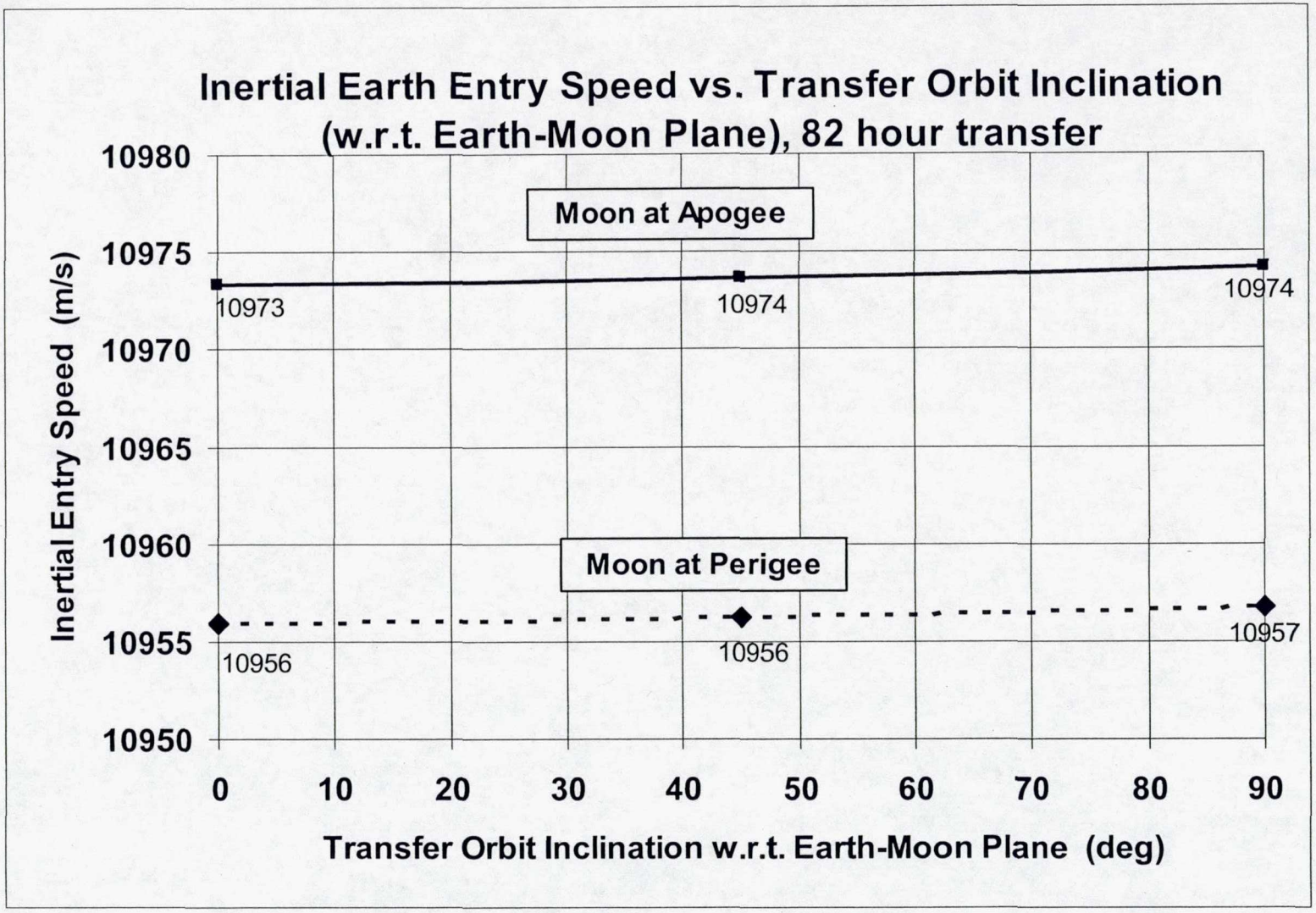
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Inertial Earth Entry Speed vs. Earth-Moon L1 to Earth Transfer Orbit Inclination

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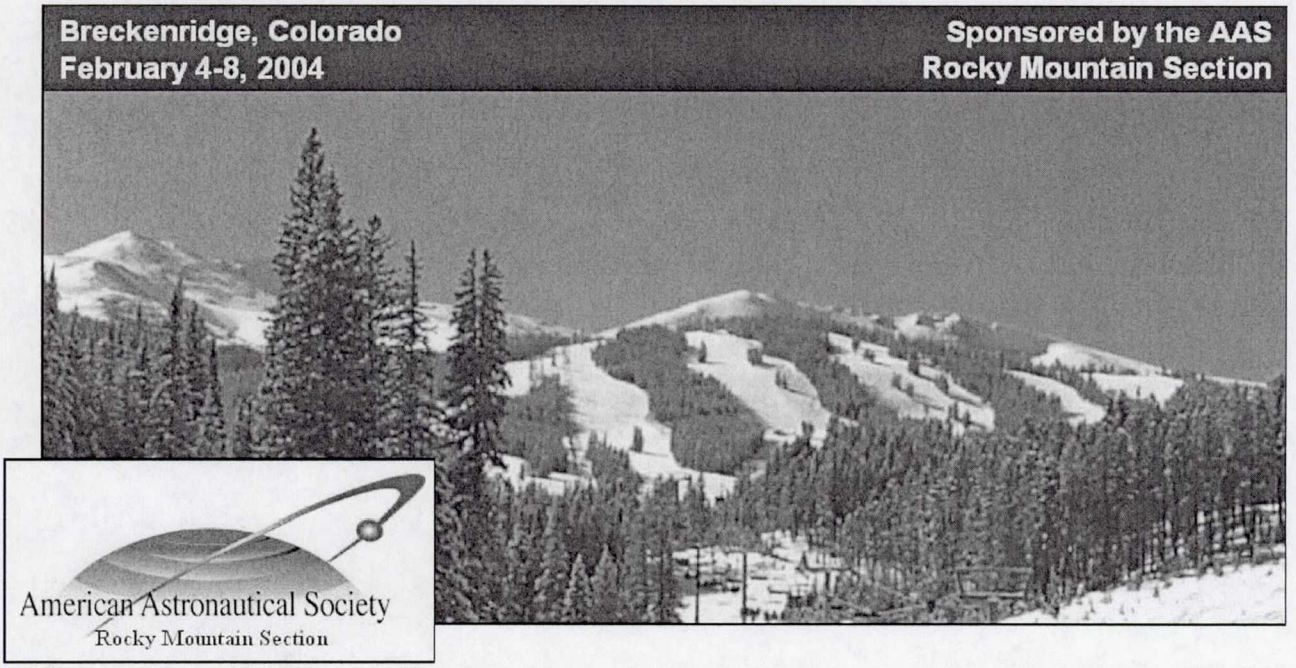
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Wednesday, February 4

Evening: Registration

Room check-in at the Beaver Run Resort front desk.
Conference registration and a **Wine and Cheese Social** from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Beaver Run Conference Center.

Thursday, February 5

Morning: Session I – "Advances in Guidance and Control"

THEME: This session features papers offering innovative ideas in G&C. The scope includes theoretical developments, unique mission possibilities, system architecture, autonomous operations, and new applications. The papers also offer advances in system simulation approaches and testing.

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Afternoon: Session II – "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Guidance and Control"

THEME: Unmanned aerial vehicles are rapidly becoming the remote sensing platform of choice when long-dwell observations are required over particular regions of interest. Applications can include tactical operations support, environmental monitoring, and planetary exploration. This session address the guidance, navigation, and control aspects of these missions, including issues associated with remote piloting and autonomous flight.

Co-Chairperson: Robert Braun, NASA/Langley Research Center, 757-864-4507 – *robert.braun@aerospace.gatech.edu*
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Friday, February 6

Morning: Session III – "Enabling Technologies for Precision Pointing Spacecraft"

THEME: Emerging spacecraft missions employing large deployable structures, constellations of free-flyers, and robotic assembly and servicing demand precision pointing. This session features papers addressing guidance, navigation and control system architectures, hardware, and algorithms critical to achieving the pointing control requirements for advanced spacecraft. The scope will include technology requirements, system trade studies, high-fidelity modeling and simulation, hardware-in-the-loop testing, and on-orbit flight data.

Co-Chairperson: Albert Bosse, Naval Research Laboratory, 202-767-0899 – albert.bosse@nrl.navy.mil
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Evening: Session IV – "Storyboards"

THEME: This session is an important opportunity to display and present advances in guidance, navigation, and control components. In addition, qualified papers associated with the hardware or other qualified papers submitted for consideration can be presented in this session and are eligible for publication in the Conference Proceedings. Conference attendees are able to discuss the innovative hardware and papers with presenters and authors in an interactive environment. *Attendees and family welcome to participate!*

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Saturday, February 7

Morning: Session V – "Back to the Moon"

THEME: New missions to the moon, including orbital, surface, and sample returns, have become of increasing interest both to the NASA science community and to certain commercial interests – even including Hollywood! The recent release of the Decadal Survey has placed a very high priority on the Aitkin Basin lunar sample return mission. NASA entities and their partners are vying for NASA's New Frontiers Program funding. In addition, international interest is growing and China has announced intent to carry out human exploration on the moon. The guidance and control challenges of executing successful lunar landings have not diminished in the 35 years since the last Apollo mission. This session features papers that explore the history of G&C in lunar missions, and then looks at upcoming challenges facing our community with these exciting new missions.

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Evening: Banquet

Dinner with Prof. Richard Battin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, presenting "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Moon." Prof. Battin is an engineer, applied mathematician, and educator who developed and led the analytic and software design of the Apollo spacecraft primary control, guidance, and navigation system that landed men on the moon. His other important and fundamental contributions to space flight mechanics include the key discovery that made possible the first ever gravity-assisted multiple fly-by orbit from Earth to Venus to Mars to Earth on Jan. 2, 1961. Three of his students from MIT walked on the moon, and the first woman space shuttle astronaut from MIT was his teaching assistant.

Sunday, February 8

Morning: Session VI – "Recent Experiences"

THEME: Lessons learned through experience prove most valuable when shared with others in the G&C community. This session, which is a traditional part of the conference, provides a forum for candid sharing of insights gained through successes and failures. Past conferences have shown this session to be most interesting and informative.

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